

A Memorial Sign Ceremony to Honor Fallen Officer Francis Ryan

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale

Wilmington – On Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 9:00 a.m., the Delaware State Police are honoring Officer Francis Ryan at a Public Servants Memorial Sign Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Philadelphia Pike at East Holly Oak Road, Wilmington. This event is open to the public. Media is welcome to attend as well.

Officer Francis Ryan, a member of the Delaware State Highway Police, died at the age of 31 while attempting to apprehend a speeding motorist on Philadelphia Pike on October 17, 1922. Officer Ryan's motorcycle was struck by a vehicle traveling in the opposite direction in the area of East Holly Oak Road. He was taken to a local doctor for immediate treatment before being transported to the Delaware Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries on November 2, 1922.

Dignitaries, Troopers, family, and friends will gather to remember Officer Francis Ryan who made the "Ultimate Sacrifice" in service to the State of Delaware.

The following will offer remarks at the ceremony:

- Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long
- Attorney General Matt Denn
- Secretary Robert Coupe
- Colonel Nathaniel McQueen, Jr.
- Lieutenant Thomas Brackin, Delaware State Troopers Association
- Officer Ryan's Family Members

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